

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Archdeacon Hugh Hamilton

Preacher: Dean James M^cShane

Litanist: Katherine Walker, Assistant Curate

Organist: Canon Stephen Mallinger

Choristers: Laura Strum

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7.16*

**The flowers at the high altar are to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Ryan Keller ...Betty Cunningham and Kelly Keller**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Congregation: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

#397 \ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- ¹ Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- ² Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.

- ³ Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

2 Samuel 11:1-15

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to

David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14

- ¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- ² The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- ³ Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- ⁵ See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- ⁶ Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- ⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

God of wisdom and love, without you neither truth nor holiness can survive. Show your mighty presence among us, and make us glad in proclaiming your deliverance in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Congregation: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. "When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GRADUAL: Alleluia!

HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith as we say,
Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Litanist: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
Litanist: For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For our archbishop and bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For our city, Sault Ste. Marie, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Litanist: Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Congregation: **To you, O Lord.**

Litanist: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#645 \ Come Down, O Love Divine

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

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Celebrant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**